

**Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
on Governor's proposed Midterm Budget adjustments FY 2017
IN OPPOSITION
H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Budget
February 18, 2016
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Good evening Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Mark Griffin and I am a registered voter in the town of New Haven.

I am here to testify on H.B No. 5044 An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

I am opposed to any proposed cuts to the DMHAS and any mental health services and supports.

- a) Grant reduction of mental Health and substance Abuse Services
- b) Consolidation/Elimination of Regional Mental Boards and Regional Action Councils.
- b) Funding cut to Community Care Teams

I opposed to these cuts because they affect the core services provided by DHMAS

I urge you to keep core services available to the residents of Connecticut.

Example: Young adult services: I worked with young adults and found out what young adults face many challenging problems every day. Like medical, a place to sleep when night comes, peer support and daily meals to name a few.

Thank you for your attention to these important services and supports